

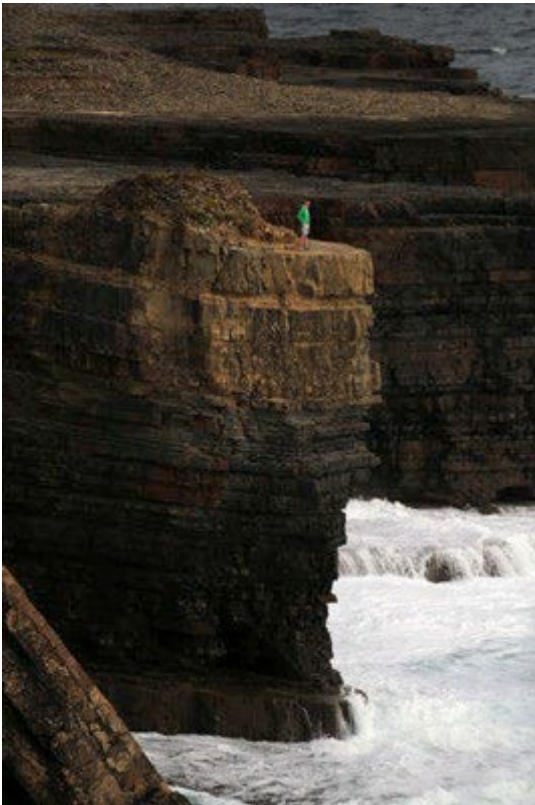
Ireland Draft Itinerary and Themes
In proud partnership with Tamara Humphrey
The Good Life Travel Company



Welcome to Ireland



Ireland is a country that lives up to its reputation as a green land populated with the friendliest people you will ever meet. It is a country, which is a realm of legend and mystery. Every aspect of Celtic culture is a very visible part of a multicultural world. Celtic culture is very ancient and still lives through Celtic art, Celtic music, Celtic writing, and Celtic spirituality.



The many castles and ruins that can be found across the country are not only breathtaking attractions for visitors, but also point towards a strong heritage. From forts built by the Celts to Norman castles, there is a breadth of architecture in Ireland to excite all enthusiasts. With strong agricultural traditions, any visit to this exceptionally beautiful place would not be complete without visiting the Irish countryside

The Wild Atlantic Way is the world's longest defined coastal route; it's inspiring, renewing, relaxing and invigorating, yours to experience. Learn our games, eat our food, listen to our music and chat, enjoy the welcome, and walk through the ages with us.

Our drivers and guides are the best in Ireland with vast experience, and act as ambassadors, ensuring a wonderful time, taking into consideration always, individual requirements while providing a personal and unique experience.

We are privileged to work with Tamara and her team and create amazing bespoke itineraries for Ireland, the key thing about visiting Ireland, is that **“less is more”** give yourself time to enjoy our island. We pride ourselves in providing extraordinary experiences to individual, families and smaller groups, complemented by full on the ground support. We will ensure Ireland is enjoyed in the true spirit of its hospitality, culture, comfort and connection, at the right pace. Creating meaningful memories, with a sense of place and peace of mind.

Breathtaking landscapes, perfect accommodation and friendly people; Ireland provides fascinating backdrops to fill your vacation days. It is easy to get to Ireland, Shannon International Airport is a wonderful asset, arrive straight on to The Wild Atlantic Way, one of the longest defined coastal defined routes in the world.

Themes for your itinerary

Genealogy and Irish Ancestry – Follow the footsteps of your forefathers and get a deeper understanding of the life and journey of your family with specialist genealogy guides

Lifestyle and Gardens

Golf and Sports

Equine

Culture, Heritage and Arts

Wellness

Walking and Strolling

Music, Dance and Festivals

Fishing

Fashion and Textiles

Artisan Food and Drink Producers, Tastings and Tales, Meet the makers

Movies

Explore regions, Irelands Hidden Heartlands, Ireland’s Ancient East, The Wild Atlantic Way and Northern Ireland

Sample Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive Dublin International Airport – where you will be warmly welcomed, meet your driver guide and set off on your journey to Northern Ireland.

Travel to Belfast and enjoy a panoramic tour of the capital of Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland lies in the northeast of the island of Ireland, covering 5,459 square miles, about a sixth of the island's total area, it is compact and easy to explore and has a long history of welcoming visitors.



Arrive to your hotel where you will be warmly welcomed. Perched on the tip of the famous Causeway Coastal Route

Evening at leisure

Overnight Coastal Castle, Co. Antrim

Day 2 - Meet your driver guide in the lobby of your hotel, after enjoying Breakfast in the Garden Restaurant, where there is a magnificent door, proud home of Game of Thrones Door of Thrones No 9. Following the fall of several trees from the iconic Dark Hedges during Storm Gertrude at the start of 2016, Tourism Ireland have salvaged the wood from 2 of these magnificent Beech trees and transformed them into 10 ornately carved wooden doors, each depicting moments inspired by this season. The doors were unveiled each week as season six unfolded – referencing key scenes and events from the latest episode and incorporating some of the iconic symbols of the show. Door 9 depicts the famous battle between House Stark and House Bolton in the penultimate episode of Season 6. Carved on this beautiful door, you will see the crests of House Bolton and House Stark, Ramsey Bolton's hungry dogs and Winterfell Castle.

Set off to explore the Causeway Coast, enjoy the Giants Causeway, Carrick a Rede,

Bushmills distillery with tasting, stopping off along the way to an organic farm, enjoy a tour and an amazing "farm to fork" lunch



Return to your hotel

Evening at leisure

Overnight Coastal Castle, Co. Antrim

Day 2 - Meet your driver guide in the lobby of your hotel and take your leave of Northern Ireland, travel south, visit the iconic Newgrange and set off to the West to the vibrant city of Galway.



Newgrange is a 5,200-year-old passage tomb located in the Boyne Valley in Ireland's Ancient East.

Built by Stone Age farmers, the mound is 85m (279ft) in diameter and 13m (43ft) high, an area of about 1 acre. A passage measuring 19m (62ft) leads into a chamber with 3 alcoves. The passage and chamber are aligned with the rising sun on the mornings around the Winter Solstice. Newgrange is a Stone Age (Neolithic) monument in the Boyne Valley, County Meath, it is the jewel in the crown of Ireland's Ancient East. Newgrange was constructed about 5,200 years ago (3,200 B.C.) which makes it older than Stonehenge and the Great Pyramids of Giza. Newgrange is a large circular mound 85m (279ft) in diameter and 13m (43ft) high with a 19m (63ft) stone passageway and chambers inside. The mound is ringed by 97 large kerbstones, some of which are engraved with symbols called megalithic art. It is designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Arrive to your hotel where you will be warmly welcomed to Galway's most stylish hotel. in



the centre of Galway City, just steps from the famous Eyre Square and minutes from Shop Street with the bustling bars and cafés of Quay Street.

Afternoon and Evening at leisure to explore Galway



Overnight your hotel, Galway City

Experience Aran Islands and Cliffs of Moher

Day 3 - Meet your driver guide and travel to Connemara Airport, where you will meet your guide, for a wonderful experience on The Aran Islands. Enjoy a short eight-minute flight to Inis Oirr, the smallest of the three Aran Islands, will give you commanding views of the islands, Galway Bay and the coastline.



On arrival you will have refreshments at one of the local pubs before visiting the island Arts Centre where you will get a glimpse of the island's history, culture, heritage and traditions and finish up doing a craft workshop with a local islander and expert craftsman. Lunch will be hosted at a private house where you will be served a feast of local seafood including Aran Lobster served with salads, vegetables with drinks of your choice. Following lunch, you will embark on a tour of the island visiting the Shipwreck, Underground Church and the 15th century O'Brien's Castle perched on the highest point of the island



Leave the island by ferry and enjoy a spectacular Cliffs of Moher Cruise, (one of the best ways to see the Cliffs) arrive to Doolin, County Clare where your driver will meet you, perhaps enjoy a drink in one of the local pubs and set off along the coast to Galway, enjoy evening at your leisure

Overnight in your hotel, Galway City

Day 4 - Meet your driver guide and take your leave of Galway and set off along the coast and explore the Burren, the Burren National Park which covers 1,800 hectares in the southeastern corner of the Burren in County Clare, draws its name from the Irish boíreann, or rocky place. But the Burren has been referred to as fertile rock, internationally famous for its landscape and unique flora.



Arrive to Burren Fine Wine and Food owned by Cathleen where you will be warmly welcomed. Nestled between the enchanted Hills of the Burren is the century old stone coach house that houses Burren Fine Wine & Food situated on the grounds of the former parochial house of Glenaragh Church. Enjoy a walking tour and lunch and travel to Lough Derg on the River Shannon.



County Clare is a county of contrasts from the west coast to the beautiful lake lands. Experience Ireland's Hidden Heartlands a beautifully unspoiled part of Ireland where life moves at its own pace. Listen to the ebb and flow of trickling streams, kayak across wonderful waterways and explore magical forest treks and trails. Meander across expansive boglands, majestic mountains and open valleys. Visit the riverside towns

and villages dotted throughout this enchanting region. Make sure to stop and soak up the peaceful atmosphere, there's nowhere quite like it.



Arrive to your hotel where you will be warmly welcomed to Lough Derg on the banks of The Shannon River, in the twin towns of Killaloe/ Ballina
Evening at leisure

Overnight Hotel, Killaloe, Co. Clare/ Co. Tipperary

Day 5 - Secret Island on the lake – Exclusive

Enjoy morning at Leisure (perhaps enjoy kayaking, can be arranged through your hotel or exploring the twin towns, by simply walking across the bridge, you will travel from County Tipperary to County Clare. set off on foot to enjoy the towns of Killaloe and Ballina. Visit Brian Boru's fort is a large ring fort it has long been identified as the ancient seat of Brian Boru, the most famous High King of Ireland. Brian Boru's fort is located in a very serene and spectacular setting, overlooking Lough Derg on the River Shannon, just one mile north of the picturesque village of Killaloe. Brian Boru was either born or reared at this mystical location, Boru was high-king of Ireland from 1002 until his death in 1014AD.

Stroll back into Killaloe and enjoy the local cafes and magnificent views.



Walk down from your hotel where you will be picked up on the waterfront by rib and set off to enjoy Secret Ireland by lake and road, experience Ireland through the ages, listen to the stories, music and enjoy amazing hospitality in the heart of Irelands Hidden Heartlands

Visit a medieval castle by water, enjoy wonderful hospitality by Pat and Mary the owners in their castle home which they have lovingly restored, sample food and drink of the time, enjoy a tour and wonderful music with local musicians and maybe an extra treat or two.

Enjoy lunch in a local village on the lake

After your Secret Ireland experience, return to your hotel
Evening at leisure

Overnight Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe, Co. Clare/ Co. Tipperary

Day 6 - Discover the Dingle Peninsula

Meet your driver guide and set off and travel through the counties of Clare, Tipperary and Limerick to Kerry the Kingdom County to explore the magnificent Sleah Head Drive, on the Dingle Peninsula

“To travel on foot to walk in the hills is to see everything, to be in nature”



Sleah Head Drive, one of Ireland's most scenic routes, takes you on a journey through historic sites, Irish speaking villages, famous Hollywood film locations with close up views of the world renowned Blasket Islands and distant views of the Skellig Islands on the south western horizon.

The Sleah Head Drive (Slí Cheann Sléibhe) is a circular route, forming part of the Wild Atlantic Way, beginning and ending in Dingle, that takes in a large number of attractions and stunning views on the western end of the Dingle Peninsula.



Enjoy some amazing walks, The Dingle Peninsula is a playground and paradise for walking, boasting some of the most spectacular mountain and coastal scenery in Ireland. It attracts climbers, walkers and trekkers from many parts of Ireland and overseas each year but remains quiet and largely unspoiled. There is a variety of walks available in the area and are also of interest to the botanist and archaeologist for their wonderful variety of flora, fauna, archaeological and ecclesiastical sites.



The pretty fishing port of Dingle - Daingin Uí Chúis nestles on the edge of a large natural estuary on the southwestern coast of Dingle Peninsula. On the southern edge of a mountain ridge that separates the east from the western end of the Peninsula, all roads lead through Dingle town. A creative and imaginative place, it is a town of many charms, known for quality food and restaurants, interesting shops and galleries.

Arrive to your hotel where you will be warmly welcomed

Situated in the heart of the stunning Kerry countryside, settle in and enjoy your surroundings

Evening at Leisure

Overnight, your hotel in an iconic location, Co. Kerry

Day 7 - After breakfast explore the estate and gardens. Meet your driver guide and set off to explore Killarney National Park and the world-famous Lakes of Killarney stretching across 10,000 hectares. Killarney National Park incorporates the lakes as well as Kenmare and Muckross Estate, including Bourn Vincent Memorial Park, presented to the State in 1932 as Ireland's first National Park. Twinned with Glacier National Park in Montana, USA,

Killarney National Park has been designated as a Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for work in conservation and research. There are multiple walking trails to choose from.



Enjoy Torc Waterfall Walk

Torc Waterfall Walk

Length: 4.5 km/ 2.8 mi, allow 2 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Terrain: Paved lanes and earthen footpaths

Gear: Comfortable walking shoes/boots, raingear, mobile phone, snacks and fluids

Ascent: 150 m

Torc waterfall derives its name from the Gaelic word 'torc' meaning a wild boar. According to legend the waterfall was created by a man who had been cursed by the Devil to spend each night transformed into a wild boar. He lived in a cavern beneath the cliffs of the mountain. His secret was discovered one night by a local farmer out looking for missing animals. The boar offered him great riches not to reveal his secret but became furious when his plight was revealed. In his anger he is said to have burst into a ball of flame and disappeared into the Devils Punchbowl Lake on nearby Mangerton Mountain. The lake water burst forth and created the waterfall to hide forever the Boars cavern beneath the waterfall.



Enjoy lunch and explore this wonderful area with your driver guide, who knows all the hidden gems.

Return to your hotel, for dinner and enjoy traditional music

Overnight, your hotel in an iconic location, Co. Kerry

Day 8 - Meet your driver guide and take you leave of Kerry, set off to explore Cork, the Rebel County. Arrive to Midleton Distillery in Co. Cork. Enjoy a tour and tastings of the world-famous Jameson Whiskey.



The Distillery have been proudly making whiskey the Jameson way since 1780 and say their process and people is behind their signature smoothness of taste.

Arrive to your hotel in Dublin, Welcome to Dublin, our capital city. Framed by mountains, centered on a river and edged by a beautiful bay, the city's streets and alleys are filled with vibrant art and historic buildings, hip cafés and traditional "old man" pubs, as Dubliners call them. Walk the streets and you'll feel the energy of over 1,000 years of history



Overnight your hotel, Dublin

Day 9 - Meet your walking guide in the lobby of your hotel and set off on foot to explore Dublin, its highlights and insights, walk through Georgian Dublin to Trinity College. Visit some of the museums, bars and hidden gems. Enjoy the sights and sounds with your guide and have a local lunch featuring local food and drink and local heroes...

Afternoon and Evening at leisure

Overnight your hotel, Dublin

Day 10– After breakfast take your leave of Dublin City, meet your driver in the lobby of the hotel and travel to Dublin International Airport – Safe onward journey, Slan Abhaile

